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1. The following is a tabulation of rail freight traffic via the Frankfurt/Oder border crossing point during the period from 14 to 22 May 1951:

a. Westbound:

Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
14 May	9 flatcars	sheet metal	Brest Litovsk	Warnemuende
	21 gondola cars	hard coal	Poland	Soviet Zone of Germany
	3 tank cars	empty	Poland	Holland
	3 gondola cars	manganese ore	Brest Litovsk	Schoenebeck
	1 boxcar	steel wire	Brest Litovsk	Magdeburg
15 May	8 boxcars	copper and bronze	Brest Litovsk	Berlin
	2 flatcars	sheet steel	Brest Litovsk	Warnemuende
	3 gondola cars	hard coal	Poland	Ruedersdorf
	2 flatcars	steel rollers	Brest Litovsk	Hettstedt
	3 flatcars	sectional steel	Brest Litovsk	Leipzig

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Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
	2 flatcars	sectional steel and iron tubes	Brest Litovsk	Magdeburg
	1 gondola car	pig iron	Brest Litovsk	Tangerhuetten
	2 boxcars	lead	Brest Litovsk	Rummelsburg
	10 tank cars	cotton oil	Brest Litovsk	Wittenberge and Berlin-Lichtenberg
	2 flatcars	sheet steel	Brest Litovsk	Warnemuende
	5 flatcars	sectional steel	Brest Litovsk	Magdeburg
May	7 gondola cars	hard coal	Poland	Soviet Zone of Germany
	1 boxcar	graphite	Brest Litovsk	Finow
	7 gondola cars	hard coal	Poland	Soviet Zone of Germany
	7 boxcars	copper, graphite and iron	Brest Litovsk	Berlin
	18 gondola cars	hard coal	Poland	Soviet Zone of Germany
	8 flatcars	sectional steel	Brest Litovsk	Magdeburg
	11 flatcars	sheet steel	Brest Litovsk	Wismar
	7 gondola cars) 4 flatcars)	manganese ore	Brest Litovsk	Barby

Eastbound:

4 May	19 boxcars	potash	Glueckauf and Rossleben	Reppen
	1 boxcars	tar paper	Schkeuditz	Reppen
	3 boxcars	whitewash	Sagard	Reppen
	8 boxcars	prefabricated huts	Wernigerode	Reppen
	4 gondola cars	clay	Loethain	Reppen
	1 boxcar	watches and bicycles	Berlin-Schoene-weide	Poland
	3 boxcars	undetermined	Koepfelsdorf and Ruhlsdorf	Reppen

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Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
15 May	24 tank cars 8 flatcars	new Soviet-gauge wheel sets	Weimar	Brest Litovsk
	3 gondola cars	earthenware tubes	Colbitz	Brest Litovsk
	5 boxcars	cellulose	Plauen	Insterburg
	4 boxcars	potash	Glueckauf and Rossleben	Reppen
	4 boxcars 2 gondola cars	prefabri- cated huts	Greifswald and Magdeburg	Reppen
	1 boxcar	magnesium chloride	Stassfurth	Reppen
	12 flatcars	24 truck trailers	Leipzig	Reppen
	1 boxcar	musical instruments	Klingenthal	Posen
	6 boxcars	undetermined	Koenigsbrueck and Jena	Reppen and Posen
16 May	10 boxcars	potash	Rossleben	Reppen
	2 boxcars	stoves	Koenigsbrueck	Reppen
	5 boxcars	exhibition goods	Bentheim	Posen
	6 flatcars	crane bridges	Schmalkalden	Posen
20 May	28 tank cars	gasoline	Boehlen	Khabinka
	27 boxcars	empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest Litovsk
	56 boxcars	empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest Litovsk
21 May	46 boxcars	ore	Johanngeorgen- stadt	Brest Litovsk
	34 tank cars	gasoline	Boehlen	Khabinka
	56 boxcars	empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest Litovsk
22 May	55 boxcars	empty	Altenburg	Brest Litovsk
	43 flatcars	empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest Litovsk

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2. According to records of the Frankfurt/Oder freight station, the following westbound military shipments passed through Frankfurt/Oder during the period from 20 to 22 May 1951:

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Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
20 May	11 gondola cars, 6 flatcars	field railroad rails and iron tubes	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz- Hilbersdorf [redacted]
	25 tank cars	gasoline	Brest Litovsk	Velten APC 22606
21 May	7 boxcars	personnel	Kuestrin- border	Cottbus (2)
	6 flatcars 8 gondola cars	iron tubes and pig iron	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz- Hilbersdorf [redacted]
	9 boxcars	equipment	Brest Litovsk	Muellrose [redacted]
22 May	4 boxcars 10 flatcars	pig iron and sectional steel	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz- Hilbersdorf [redacted]
	19 boxcars	military equipment	Brest Litovsk	Strausberg
	1 boxcar	military equipment	Brest Litovsk [redacted]	Muellrose [redacted]
	4 boxcars 11 flatcars	jet aircraft	Brest Litovsk [redacted]	Grossenhain [redacted]
	2 boxcars 3 flatcars	special trailers	Brest Litovsk	Jessen [redacted]

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3. [redacted] the following commercial shipments passed through the Frankfurt/Oder border crossing point during the period from 15 to 18 May 1951:

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Date	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
15 May	48	uranium ore	direction of Cottbus	Brest Litovsk
16 May	45	uranium ore	direction of Cottbus	Brest Litovsk
17 May	47	uranium ore	direction of Cottbus	Brest Litovsk
18 May	48	uranium ore	direction of Cottbus	Brest Litovsk

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4. [redacted] 25X1
the following westbound supply shipments passed through the
Frankfurt/Oder border crossing point during the period [redacted] 25X1
15 to 22 May 1951:

Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To	
15 May	26 tank cars	gasoline	Brest Litovsk	Velten [redacted]	25X1
	9 boxcars	military goods	Brest Litovsk	Muellrose [redacted]	25X1
	13 flatcars	steel	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz- Hilbersdorf [redacted]	25X1
17 May	15 flatcars	steel	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz- Hilbersdorf [redacted]	25X1
	9 tank cars	gasoline	Brest Litovsk	Velten [redacted]	25X1
17 May	6 boxcars	ammunition	Brest Litovsk	Hohenleipisch [redacted]	25X1
	15 flatcars	steel	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz- Hilbersdorf [redacted]	25X1
	21 tank cars	gasoline	Brest Litovsk	Velten [redacted]	25X1
18 May	9 flatcars	steel	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz- Hilbersdorf [redacted]	25X1
	3 boxcars	ammunition	Brest Litovsk	Altengrabow [redacted]	25X1
	9 boxcars	military goods	Brest Litovsk	Muellrose [redacted]	25X1
	2 boxcars	ammunition	Brest Litovsk	Strausberg	
19 May	20 tank cars	gasoline	Brest Litovsk	Velten [redacted]	25X1
	9 flatcars	steel	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz- Hilbersdorf [redacted]	25X1
20 May	7 boxcars	military goods	Brest Litovsk	Muellrose [redacted]	25X1
	17 tank cars	gasoline	Brest Litovsk	Velten [redacted]	25X1
	14 flatcars	steel	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz- Hilbersdorf [redacted]	25X1

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Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To	
21 May	3 boxcars	military goods	Brest Litovsk	Muellrose	25X1
	3 boxcars	military goods	Brest Litovsk	Frankfurt/Oder	25X1
	11 flatcars	steel	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf	25X1
22 May	18 flatcars	steel	Brest Litovsk	Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf	25X1
	11 flatcars 4 boxcars	military goods crated aircraft	Brest Litovsk	Grossenhain	25X1
	5 flatcars	crated aircraft	Brest Litovsk	Strausberg	25X1
	14 boxcars	power units	Brest Litovsk	Jessen	25X1

5. In mid-May 1951 it was learned from a railroad employee that a large number of boxcars was to be prepared for Soviet troop movements. (4)

6. Fifty damaged cars and two empty hospital trains coming from Brest Litovsk passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 20 and 22 May, respectively. (5) and (6)

Comments.

(1) Grain shuttle trains.

(2) Also observed at the Kuestrin-Kietz border crossing point.

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- (4) It is possible that demobilized personnel were still returned to the USSR or recruits shipped to the Soviet Zone of Germany during May. Such an assumption finds some support in the fact that preparations for quartering troops were observed in Bad Freienwalde. These preparations were to be completed by 20 May 1951. [REDACTED]
- (5) These are the first shipments of German freight cars to be returned from the USSR. [REDACTED] 25X1
- (6) The report continues and supplements previous information. [REDACTED] 25X1
- [REDACTED] The shipments of manganese may have been dispatched to the new foundry combine "Eisenwerke West" near Calbe on the Saale River (M 52/D 77). All the shipments of iron and steel products to Magdeburg and Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf may have been earmarked for the border fortifications in the Letzling Heath and Saxony/Thuringia. The shipments to Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf (N 51/K 66) have increased so much since February 1951 that the requirements of the Uranium Mining Syndicate must be exceeded. The refrigerator cars observed on 15 May were reparations deliveries. At the Soviet transfer points, the cars will be mounted on Soviet-gauge axles, which accompany the cars. The two shipments from Boehlen to Khabinka are deliveries from the Boehlen Hydrogenation Plant. The data on the ore shipment on 21 May in paragraph 1, and the shipments listed in paragraph 3 relate to uranium ore shipments.

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